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SUBJECT: GIEREK-JAROSZEWICZ VISIT: SIGNING OF SIX
STATEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS IN ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND SCIENCE AREAS.

1. SUMMARY: THE FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO FINLAND
OF PUWP FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK AND PRIME MINIS-
TER PIOTR JAROSZEWICZ, WHICH BEGAN NOV 26 AND ENDS TODAY,
PRODUCED THREE STATEMENTS OR AGREEMENTS IN THE ECONOMIC
AND COMMERCIAL FIELDS AS WELL AS THREE AGREEMENTS IN
THE FIELDS OF COOPERATION IN TOURISM, HEALTH, SOCIAL
POLICIES AND BETWEEN SCIENCE ACADEMIES IN TWO COUNTRIES.
END SUMMARY.

2. OF THE SIX STATEMENTS/AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING THE
VISIT OF PUWP SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER
JAROSZEWICZ TO FINLAND, MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT CONCERNING
POLISH EXPORTS OF COAL TO FINLAND IN THE 1975-1990 PERIOD
AND FINNISH EXPORTS OF FOREST INDUSTRY MACHINERY TO POLAND
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TO EQUIP LARGE KWIDZYN PULP AND PAPER PLANT COMPLEX TO BE

BUILT ON VISTULA RIVER 80 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF GDANSK. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE SIGNED HERE WILL BE FOLLOWED NEXT YEAR BY NEGOTIATION OF DETAILS. PRICES OF GOODS SUPPLIED BY EACH SIDE WILL BE 'WORLD MARKET PRICES'.

3. FROM FINNISH STANDPOINT AGREEMENT APPEARS TO ASSURE INCREASED COAL SHIPMENTS TO FINLAND UP TO END OF 1980'S. FINNISH IMPORTS FROM POLAND EXPECTED TO INCREASE FROM 3.5 MILLION METRIC TONS THIS YEAR TO 5 MILLION TONS IN 1976 AND TO 6 TO 8 MILLION TONS PER YEAR IN LATE 1980'S. IT IS SPECULATED HERE THAT FINNISH EXPORT CREDIT CORPORATION WILL BE ADVANCING EXPORT CREDITS OF NEARLY FMK. 900 MILLION (ABOUT \$250 MILLION) TO COVER DELIVERY OF MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLISH PULP AND PAPER PLANT. FOR ITS PART, POLAND WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE LARGE-SCALE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN COAL MINES TO EXPAND PRODUCTION.

4. ANOTHER STATEMENT SIGNED CONCERNED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FINLAND AND POLAND ON THE RECIPROCAL REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE (A SO-CALLED 'FREE TRADE' OR KEVSOS-TYPE AGREEMENT). THIS STATEMENT AFFIRMED DESIRE OF TWO COUNTRIES TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY BEFORE END OF 1975, AND CITED POLISH INTENTION OF ESTABLISHING DURING 1975 A SYSTEM OF CUSTOMS TARIFFS ON POLISH IMPORTS. INSTITUTION OF SUCH A SYSTEM, BY IMPLICATION, IS NECESSARY PREREQUISITE TO KEVSOS-TYPE AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND.

5. THIRD DOCUMENT SIGNED WAS LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF PLANNED COOPERATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN FINLAND AND POLAND OF JANUARY 30, 1974.

6. THE THREE OTHER STATEMENTS: AGREEMENTS WERE ON COOPERATION IN AREAS SUCH AS TOURISM, HEALTH, SOCIAL POLICIES AND BETWEEN SCIENCE ACADEMIES IN THE TWO COUNTRIES. WE WILL FORWARD LATER OTHER SIGNIFICANT DETAILS AND TEXTS IF POSSIBLE OF ALL STATEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING THE POLISH VISIT.

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7. ONE LEADING INDUSTRIALIST WHO MET GIEREK DESCRIBED HIM PRIVATELY AS HARD-NOSE 'GOOD BUSINESSMAN' WHO MADE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON FINNS HE MET.

8. FROM THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL STANDPOINT, VISIT PRODUCED NO SURPRISES BUT WAS CARRIED OUT IN SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND AMITY. EVEN THOUGH DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT AND OBSTACLES COULD CROP UP, IT WAS DOUBTLESS

GRATIFYING TO FINNS TO GET SUCH A PUBLIC PLEDGE OF POLISH
WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE COAL EXPORTS TO FINLAND AT A TIME
WHEN USSR CUTTING BACK CRUDE OIL DELIVERIES HERE.
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